

ANTI-MODERNIST OATH (Sept 1, 1910)

A POSITIVE: CHURCH TRUTHS REFUTING MODERNISM

- 1 God can be certainly known by reason alone.
- 2 External objective facts are valid to prove the Church's truth, eg miracles and prophecies.
- 3 Christ really, historically, instituted the Catholic Church, and built it upon Peter and his successors.
- 4 Exactly what the Apostles taught is exactly what the Church teaches today.
- 5 Faith comes not from ^{feelings} inside me, outwards; but from outside me, inwards, through my mind.

B NEGATIVE: PRINCIPAL ERRORS OF MODERNISM

- 1 Dogma evolves with time, so that its content changes.
- 2 Church faith can contradict historical facts.
- 3 The historian (of facts) may contradict the believer (of dogma).
- 4 Scripture may be freely re-interpreted by human reason, as opposed to what the Church has always said it means.
- 5 History and theology need to be studied scientifically, regardless of Revelation, Church Tradition or Church authority.
- 6 Catholic Tradition has no divine element in it over and above natural men naturally building on the past.

C CONCLUSION

The Catholic Church hands down certain and unchanging Truth through Pope and bishops, from the Apostles